

# PREPAREDNESS MEASURE IS PASSED

## INDICT PLOT AGENTS HELD AFTER PROBE

Fifty-Nine Indictments Returned in San Francisco Investigation.

### INVOLVES OFFICIALS

German and Turkish Consular Officers Face Variety of Charges.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Fifty-nine federal indictments, 32 charging violations of American neutrality, directed against German consular officials here, the Turkish consul general and steamship agents, and 27 against immigration officials in connection with the attempted smuggling of 86 Chinese into the United States last November, were in the possession today of the United States district attorney's office. It was said they would be returned in open court tomorrow when arrests would follow. The indictments against the German consular officials, who include Franz Bopp, the consul general, were voted yesterday by the federal grand jury as a result of the nation-wide investigation by the department of justice into bomb plots and neutrality violations which involved the furnishing of coal and supplies to German warships in the Pacific.

**First Indictments Obtained.**  
The indictments are the first the government has attempted to obtain against official representatives of any foreign power in connection with its efforts to curtail the activities of persons engaged in the alleged plots.

The indictments voted against immigration officials and steamship men followed a searching inquiry into reports that a wholesale traffic in contraband aliens was being carried on with the help of steamship officers and the connivance of federal officials.

**Involves High Officials.**  
While the indictments against the consular officials were not unexpected here, some surprise was manifested today over the large number of true bills, which indicated, it was said, that the government had completed the San Francisco investigation of the conspiracy plots. The following were among those against whom indictments were voted:

Frank Bopp, consul general of Germany; Baron E. H. von Schack, vice consul for Germany; H. W. E. Kaufmann, chancellor for the German consulate; Maurice H. Hall, consul general for Turkey; Frederick Jensen, former owner of the steamer Mazatlan; Johannes H. Van Koolbergen, alleged agent for the German consulate; John and Julius Rothchild, wholesale grocers; George and James Flood, steamship agents; and Robert Capelle, general agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship company.

### MAN AND WIFE FIGHT OWN DIVORCE SUITS

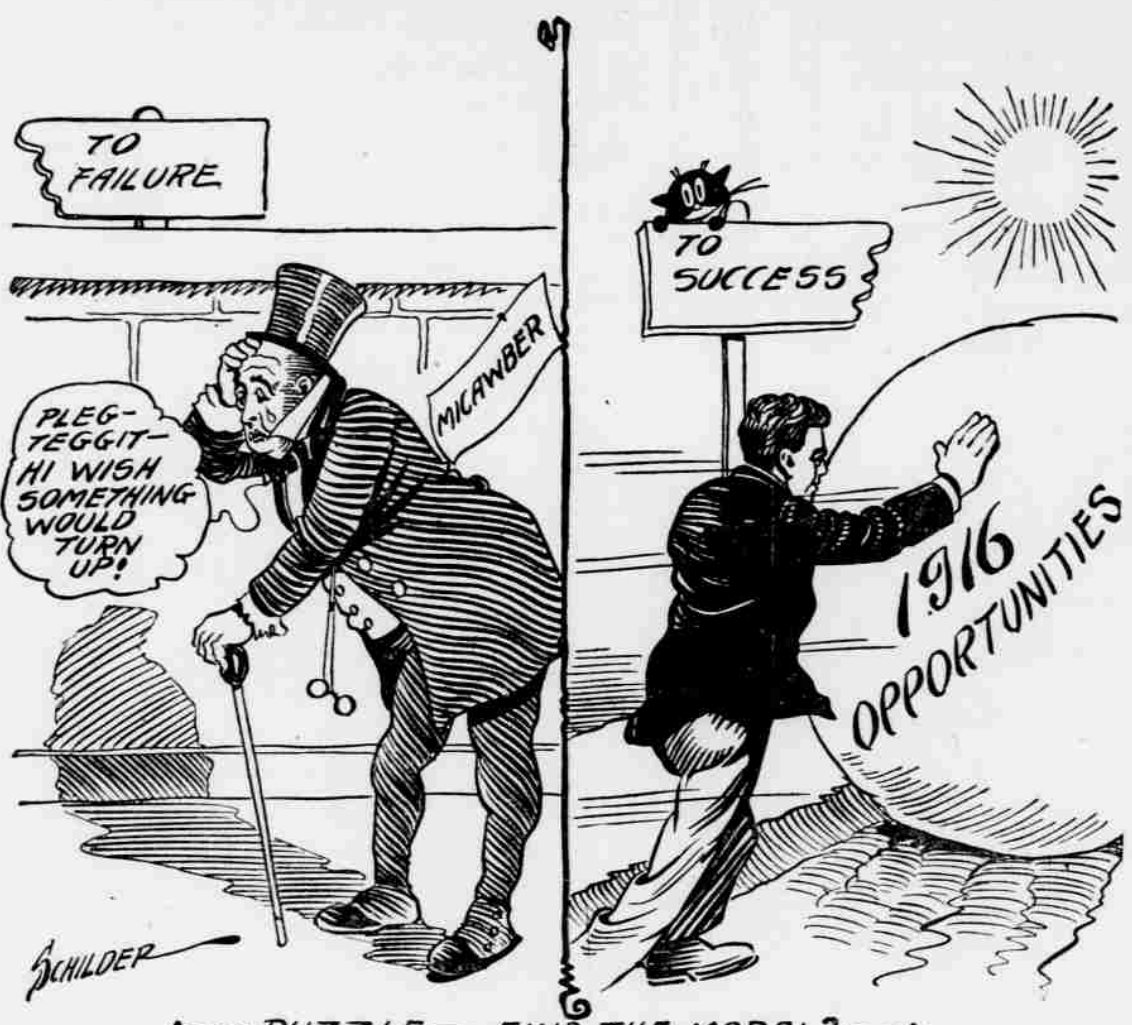
Three River Falls, Minn., Feb. 9.—Acting as her own counsel, Mrs. Edwin M. Stanton of this city, is contesting in the district court here a suit for divorce brought by her husband, an attorney, who, assisted by two other lawyers, is conducting his own case. The trial began yesterday and is expected to continue several days.

### FORMER QUEEN OF HAWAII ON TRIAL

Honolulu, Feb. 9.—Liliuokalani, former queen of Hawaii, expressed her willingness today to appear in court to prove that she was mentally competent, when several years ago she executed a deed of trust conveying all her property to three trustees, headed by the late Samuel Cleghorn, father of Princess Kaiulani, also deceased.

The queen denies the charge made by her nephew, Jonah Kūhiō Kalanui, better known as "Prince Kūhiō," delegate to congress from Hawaii, that she was of unsound mind when she executed the deed of trust, and he will contest the suit brought by him to have the deed set aside.

According to the terms of the deed of trust, which was irrevocable the trustees have absolute control of all the former queen's extensive estate and they have administered it since the deed was executed.



PUZZLE—FIND THE MORAL?

## STATE OFFICIAL WARNS AGAINST PASTING SHEETS

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 9.—Secretary of State Lewis G. Stevenson issued a warning today to all candidates to submit their petitions to him, that the sheets of their petitions must not be pasted together. Petitions received in the morning mail at the secretary's office are being given precedence over petitions presented in person during the same day.

Because of the legal necessity for rotation of names of candidates certified for delegates and alternate delegates at large to the national nominating conventions the secretary's office has an almost insuperable task confronting it in the preparation of 51 different ballots for 102 counties.

"Regardless of difficulties this office will perform cheerfully the work necessary for carrying out the law," said Secretary Stevenson today.

"Everything will be done in strict conformity to the letter of the statute. Section 31 of the primary act requires the secretary of state to certify, in rotation, beginning with the first senatorial district, the names, in alphabetical order, of all candidates for state offices as being an office 'to be filled or an officer to be voted for by qualified electors of the entire state, including United States senators, congressmen at large and delegates and alternate delegates at large to national nominating conventions.'"

## JEWELERS WANT SHORTER HOURS

New York, Feb. 9.—A strike of jewelry workers in New York City was called today. The jewelers demand an 8-hour day.

They are all highly paid workers, some of them, the diamond setters, earning as high as \$100 a week, and the question of pay does not enter into the present trouble. The strike affects about two hundred shops and 2,500 employees. In some of the shops a demand is made for the abolition of the piece work system.

### DAY IN CONGRESS

**SENATE.**  
Clifford Thorne of Iowa attacked attitude of Louis D. Brandeis in the five per cent railroad rate case before judiciary sub-committee considering Mr. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme court. Foreign relations committee recommended ratification of Italian treaty.

**HOUSE.**  
Hearings on national defense continued by military and naval affairs committees.

Witness to impeachment proceedings against United States Attorney Marshall of New York heard in executive session by judiciary sub-committee.

## Relief Boat Goes to Aid in Arkansas

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 9.—Relief work among refugees of the flood continued today when a steamer loaded with supplies left to distribute food and fuel among 2,000 or more destitute persons at Pendleton, Red Fork, Douglas, Watson and other towns in the inundated basin.

Reassuring reports of the strength of the levees from Helena to Arkansas City were given out but no effort is being spared further to strengthen the revetments against the crest of the water that is due to reach these points next week. Business in Arkansas City virtually is suspended. A few merchants are conducting business from the second stories of their stores and from box cars on the levee.

Residents continue to desert Clarendon which was inundated to a depth of from four to fifteen feet when the levee broke last Saturday. Normally a town of 3,500 persons, only about three hundred remain in the city today.

The flood's death toll was increased to 17 by a drowning last night.

## NAVAL BOARD IN SESSION TODAY

New York, Feb. 9.—The naval consulting board held its fourth general meeting today at the Brooklyn navy yard to consider reports of sub-committees. Probably the most important question before the members has to do with providing for mobilizing the national resources. This subject was taken up by the scientists composing the board at the invitation of President Wilson.

A plan under consideration provides for the appointment by five of the largest scientific bodies in America of one member from each organization in every state to make a personal investigation of the national and mechanical resources of every state in the union. Reports of these committees of five in each state would give the government authorities an accurate knowledge of the capacity of mines and mills which could be called upon in time of war or in preparation for war.

A report on this subject will be received from the committee on production, manufacture and standardization, of which Howard E. Coffin of the American Society of Automobile Engineers is chairman.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, colder tonight with the lowest temperature about 5 degrees above zero. Rising temperature Thursday.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 13. Highest yesterday, 25, lowest last night 13.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 84, at 7 a. m. 92, at 1 p. m. today 65.

Stage of water 11.4, a fall of .6 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## BEGIN INQUIRY ON NOMINATION OF LOUIS BRANDEIS

Washington, Feb. 9.—An inquiry into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis of Boston to fill the vacancy on the supreme court bench caused by the death of Justice Taft, was begun today before a sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee.

A number of witnesses, all Protestants, against Mr. Brandeis' nomination, were on hand ready to testify. The committee later will consider numerous petitions from individuals and organizations urging confirmation.

Because of the widespread interest in the nomination, the committee decided to hold public sessions. So far as known it is the first instance in which such a nomination has been inquired into except behind closed doors.

Witnesses summoned to testify included Clifford Thorne of the Iowa railroad commission; S. Winslow, president of the United Shoe Machinery company; P. J. Lennox, James J. Storow and C. W. Barron, Boston; Thomas C. Spelling, New York; Joseph M. Teal, Portland, Ore.; and Lieutenant Governor John M. Eshleman, California.

### ANOTHER REPEATS DESCARTES STORY

New York, Feb. 9.—Captain J. Mitchell of the British freighter Canadian, which arrived today, confirmed the story brought here some days ago by the steamer Gutna of the holding up of the Canadian ship Martiniague by the French cruiser Descartes.

Captain Mitchell said five shots were fired at his vessel by the cruiser, two of which struck the pliothone. The Canadian is built something on the lines of a torpedo boat and Captain Mitchell said he believed the Descartes mistook her for an enemy warship. After an officer from the cruiser had examined his papers he was allowed to proceed.

### Latest Bulletins

Lancaster, England, Feb. 9.—At the miners' conference here the following resolution was adopted: "The conference expresses its opposition to the spirit of conscription and determines to exercise vigilant scrutiny of any proposed extension of the military service act."

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 9.—Francisco Villa and his band have been driven out of Canyon De El Nido, western Chihuahua, according to official reports received today by General Gavieta, commandant at Juarez. The reports stated the bandit band was moving eastward toward Laguna, where Colonel Samuel Gonzales is in command.

London, Feb. 9.—It is rumored here that Ignatius T. Lincoln, former spy, who escaped from custody in Brooklyn last month, is now on the Atlantic enroute to Europe. If this report is true, it is hardly likely Lincoln will escape the British cordon.

## PLANT BLOW UP CITY HALL TOLD POLICE

Authorities Learn of Plot to Destroy Municipal Building.

### WORK FROM BOSTON?

German Agents Believed Operating From Massachusetts City.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Information received by police that the city hall was to be blown up at 12:30 o'clock today spread alarm throughout the city. The police were relieved when the hour passed without any untoward incident. Police were placed on duty in and around the building, while quantities of new hose were brought to supplement the regular fire fighting apparatus. All valuable papers were transferred to fire proof safes.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Federal authorities were engaged today with reports that Boston was being used by German sympathizers as a base for the direction of hostile activities in Canada. It was admitted by a government employee that typewritten copies were made of dictagraph records alleged to have been obtained at a meeting place of men under suspicion. This admission was coupled with the assurance that it would be denied if the identity of the author was made public.

According to the reports which led to the admission regarding the dictagraph records, the movements of about 100 men have been watched, with the result that a dictagraph was installed in a Milk street office to determine if any of these men were conspiring to commit or influence the commission of acts of war against Canada.

George W. Anderson, United States district attorney, went to Washington on Monday. Yesterday Edmund Billings, collector of the port, followed Mr. Anderson to the capital. Their local offices would not disclose the nature of their missions.

### ESTIMATE TONNAGE IN RIVER FREIGHT

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9.—Reports on the probable tonnage that can be assured in adequate river transportation and river terminals are provided are to be made at the annual convention of the Mississippi Valley Terminal league, which met here today.

An address by former Governor Eberhart of Minnesota, president of the league, is on the program.

Various cities along the Mississippi river are to report on their plans for municipal terminals.

### PENILESS PEOPLE GIVEN ADMITTANCE

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—The 50 Russian war refugees who were ordered held for deportation Monday because they were penniless when they arrived here will not be sent back to the country from which they fled, it was announced today.

Assistance for the immigrants was furnished by the Hebrew Shelter and Immigrant society which established a branch here a few weeks ago to care for the large number of Russian Jews arriving here, and Immigration authorities decided to permit them to continue their journey to the east.

## FORMALLY REJECT MINERS' PLANS

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 9.—The demands formulated by the United Mineworkers of America at their Indianapolis convention were today formally rejected as a whole by the operators of the central competitive bituminous coal fields and the joint conference of employers and employees at once took up for discussion the 11 demands seriatim. This is the usual formality followed in the interstate conferences.

The first demand taken up provides that all coal be weighed before being screened and that it be paid for on a mine run basis. President John P. White of the Miners' union, urged the adoption of this request on the ground that it is the equitable basis for the payment of what the miner produces.

## Senate Vote Jolts Armor Plate Trust

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate today passed the resolution making \$600,000 available for re-equipping the Mare Island and New York navy yards, and the bill increasing by 300 the entrance class at Annapolis naval academy. The measures passed the house Monday and now go to President Wilson for his approval.

The naval academy increase bill was passed without debate. The resolution to provide for improvement of the navy yards was discussed briefly by Senator Lodge. He declared the United States had wasted a year and a half in beginning construction of battleships Nos. 43 and 44.

"We need increases in the navy and we need them now," said Senator Lodge. "We can build battleships just as rapidly as Germany or England or any other nation, but we waste too much time after they are authorized."

### THE WAR TODAY

The predicted German offensive on the Franco-Belgian front has not developed, but reports of preparations for it persist. Amsterdam reports today that 600,000 men have been sent by the Germans to the Belgian frontier.

From the Balkans it is declared in one unofficial quarter that the entente allies are preparing to take the offensive in Saloniki. Athens reports that the central powers plan to maintain their entrenched positions at present, leaving mainly Bulgarians on guard, the Austrian troops for the most part being employed elsewhere.

Constantinople advices report setbacks for the Russians in their Caucasus campaign and in Persia. Russian attacks have been repulsed in the former field of operations, where Erzerum has been the main Turkish base of defense, the Ottoman war office declares. In Persia tribesmen fighting against the Russian forces are unofficially reported to have inflicted a severe defeat near Sandshuk.

Heavy fighting is in progress in east Galicia and the Russians after repeated attacks on an Austro-Hungarian position near Tarnopol, entered the point it is understood.

According to Vienna, however, they were afterward ejected.

Artillery engagements along the Franco-Belgian front are still going on but no important changes in positions have been reported. Neither have the Germans begun the great offensive movement for which they are reported to be preparing.

Along the Austro-Italian front the armies are continuing long range fighting with artillery but in the Balkans comparative quiet prevails.

International insurance brokers in New York have received information which leads them to believe that the large passenger steamer Orissa has been sunk by a German commerce raider in the north Atlantic. The Orissa sailed from Antofagasta, Chile, on Christmas day, touched at Rio Janeiro on Jan. 10 and since then has not been heard from. The number of passengers she carried and the nature of her cargo are unknown to the underwriters here. She is a British vessel of 5,358 tons gross.

A Geneva, Switzerland, paper says Emperor William has composed the words for a new national hymn and has asked Richard Strauss to compose the music. The emperor, the newspaper says, aims to replace the Prussian hymn "Heil Dir Im Siegerkranz," which is sung to the same tune as the British national anthem.

The controversy with Germany over the sinking of the Lusitania is "as good as settled," according to officials at Washington.

The London Times military expert estimates that during the 18 months of the war Germany has lost about 2,700,000 men. He believes that Germany now has 3,600,000 men in the field, and that she had about 9,000,000 men available at the beginning of the war. This, however, he says, would leave 2,700,000 many of whom are needed internally. The report says Germany still has 2,000,000 and until these are used the army in the field will not fall here.

New gains for the Germans in the regions between Lens and Arras, not far south of the Belgian border, were announced today by Berlin, which reports the capture of first line French positions along nearly a half mile on the west of Vimy.

In some quarters the recent German assaults in this region are regarded as primarily defensive operations designed to win back commanding positions which would give the entente forces an advantage in any forward movement they may attempt in the future.

## LUSITANIA IS REGARDED AS NEARING END

Final Settlement of Controversy Now Expected in Next Few Days.

### DEMANDS OF U. S. MET

Last Proposal of Germany Proves Satisfactory "in Substance."

Washington, Feb. 9.—Germany's latest proposal in the Lusitania case having proved, in substance, satisfactory to the United States, final settlement of the controversy is expected in a few days. Some alterations, however, in the form of the agreement, regarded as minor ones, are to be made to meet the wishes of the American government and involve the dispatch of the proposal again to the Berlin foreign office. One of the changes, it is stated authoritatively is that the communication shall preferably contain the statement that it is answer to the last American note.

The changes were suggested to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, by Secretary Lansing, after President Wilson and his cabinet had gone over the latest proposal of Germany. The ambassador submitted the whole question by cable to the Berlin government for final approval. It is said that a reply will be forthcoming in about six days.

In Teutonic diplomatic circles today the belief was expressed that the proposed changes would be accepted by the Berlin foreign office.

### Substitute Phrases.

One of the changes in the Lusitania agreement suggested by Secretary Lansing to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is the substitution of the words "recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability," which were employed in the tentative draft.

It is understood that upon this change and others described also as minor, is based the expressed views of high officials that the two governments are "substantially in accord" although not wholly so.

No new difficulty is expected here from the change of words. It is felt that Germany could not or would not assume a liability which she would not recognize. It is not believed that the Berlin officials will hesitate to accept the suggestion.

It was not disclosed just when American officials determined that the recognition instead of the assumption of liability was more to be desired. From one quarter came the suggestion that the word "recognizes" makes clearer the meaning the German government desires to convey.

### BATTLESHIP ROON REPORTED CAUGHT

New York, Feb. 9.—The German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam has been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake after a three-hour fight 200 miles east northeast of Bermuda, according to the New York Evening Globe today.

The capture of the Roon is said by the Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

## TO PROBE STATE CRIMINAL LAWS

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Formation of a commission which will investigate the Illinois criminal code with a view to providing a more drastic statute was announced today by John H. Lyle, a member of the Illinois state legislature.

Mr. Lyle said the formation of the commission was the result of the so-called crime wave in Chicago and that the first meeting would be held next Monday.

The commission includes Representatives M. L. Igoe, F. R. DeYoung, E. I. Frankhauser, J. J. Gardner and George E. Hilton, and Senators John A. Swanson, W. H. Cornwell and A. F. Gorman.

Mr. Lyle said the commission planned to put before the general assembly suggestions for corrective legislation. He said laws increasing the minimum penalties meted out to convicted gunmen and for reducing the powers of the state board of pardons probably would be urged.